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Welcome to Law School!

Matt Vernon (2L)

So you've made it to Law School! Congratulations; that's no small feat. In a very real way, making it this far places you within a distinctly narrow minority: a unique percentile of society given its own special berth within the system. That isn't to encourage, of course, any of this going to our heads: the nature of percentiles is such that while we're certainly a rare breed, that selfsame rarity sadly comprises the entirety of our accomplishment. There are, for example, plenty of other ways one might grace the 99th percentile: professional breakdancers, narcoleptics, and Sandwich Artists are all just as uncommon as we are, and none of *them* felt inclined to subject themselves to the LSAT.

Now, I don't mean to be entirely unfair. I'd be the first to admit that it takes far more to be a law student than it does to have a chronic sleep disorder or to charge seventy five cents for individual bacon molecules: I shouldn't have made a direct comparison earlier. Each and every one of us here, at the very least, has something to which few others can lay claim: ten thousand less dollars than anyone else at the U of A, and a home for the next three years that I'm pretty sure is just one huge block of concrete. As such, I accordingly withdraw the implied parallel from the previous paragraph, and apologize to anyone I might have unfairly compared to a law student.

But if being law students affords us only the dubious status of a statistical oddity, what are we doing here? Doesn't it *mean* something to be a law student? I certainly know what it's meant for me, and would gladly engage in a tangential anecdote or three about all those long nights studying with Messrs. Daniels and Cuervo, but that wouldn't necessarily be relevant to everyone here: some of you might prefer beer. What I *can* offer, however, aside from advice on coping with cirrhosis of the liver, is a little bit of insight into what it's going to be like to be a law student. It's actually going to be a lot like driving around in a limousine.

Perhaps the comparison isn't readily apparent? Well, like a limousine, you're going to turn a few heads; whether they're intrigued, impressed, or just curious, your new major gives people an impression of you often long before they even get to know you. Like being in a limousine, law school is going to lend you a certain mystique out there in the real world… whether you want it or not. And why not? Limousines and law schools have both held some of our society's best and brightest. Every time a limousine drives by, we all often find ourselves wondering who might be inside: what accomplishment, talent, or ingenuity earned that ride? Whose presence are we in? There's at least a little of that mixed into what it means to be a law student.

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LSA UPDATE

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Marnie Yohemas (2L)

First of all, the Law Students' Association or more commonly the LSA, would like to welcome the incoming 1Ls to Law School and of course a welcome back to all you 2Ls and 3Ls that have graced our halls in the past! This year, as always, the LSA has planned tons of great events and we look forward to seeing everyone out at the various activities throughout the year. All Law Students are considered members of the LSA; however, to receive the perks you must purchase a benefits package for $55. What do you get for your money you ask?

·The LSA creates a law student directory called the "Who's Who" that includes pictures, email addresses and telephone numbers of fellow Law Students in all three years.

·You will have your student ID card programmed to enter the Law Student Lounge (The Gavel), where there is a large screen TV, video games, wireless internet access, vending machines, plenty of seating and tables, and a food kiosk.

·Your ID card will also be programmed to let you in the locker room and you will receive a locker for the use of the school term.

·Free phones in the locker area for local calls.

·You will be able to purchase CANS (a.k.a. Condensed Annotated Notes Summaries) for your law classes.

·The L.S.A. covers the fees for you to participate on a Faculty of Law team with Campus Recreation Intramurals. Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, etc…

·You will receive subsidization of the costs involved in running the Carbolic Smoke Ball yearly formal dinner party and dance.

·A portion of your membership fee is donated to the Mustard Seed Church charitable organization on behalf of all L.S.A. members.

·You receive a yearbook

·You can attend various Free Pizza and Practice Sessions with legal insiders such as lawyers, legal assistants, and judges.

·Your children are invited to the Law Students' Children's Christmas Party

· And much more…

Memberships can be purchased in the Law Centre Foyer in front of the library ("the couches") during the first week of school from 12-2. Also, the first hot event of the year is our traditional First Friday Back Party on Friday September 10 held off campus. Buses leave the Law Centre at 7:00pm and return at 1:00am. Tickets are $5 and you can purchase them at the Law Centre before getting on the bus! Also watch for El Hacko golf tournament and FABS on September 17. Information regarding all events can be found on the LSA board outside the gavel or on the Law Faculty Web Board. Any questions with regards to events, memberships or services can be directed towards any friendly LSA executive!

Law Students' Association: What's it good for?

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So basically, we're all driving about in a slightly shinier conveyance than we were before, and yeah, people are probably going to notice. While that's all well and good, there are a few flaws inherent in the illusion of which you may want to be aware: the first caveat is that any newfound mystique isn't going to have much influence on the other people in the car. That is to say, sidling up to that fine young boy or girl at the next Friday afternoon mixer and suavely laying out your best line, "Hey baby, I'm in law school", is going to work *very infrequently*. (Not that I've tried. Repeatedly.) More important, however, is the fact that being in the limousine doesn't have any real impact on you unless you let it: while limousines can haul about some pretty important people, they're also often just a $65 ride to a local Junior High School's spring dance, filled with six kids who would just really rather not be seen arriving with their parents, and who will inevitably, at some point, stick their heads through the sunroof.

None of this should be taken, of course, as anything but the heartiest of welcomes to law school; everyone is to be congratulated on getting here. Now that you're in and starting off your legal education, what you'll learn and the friends you'll make over the next few years will be of limitless value. The world, starting with this law school, is now your oyster, and three years from now you'll all have emerged as shining pearls of the legal community. But of course, as we all know, you can't end your time here as a pearl without starting out, like the rest of us, as a smear of gritty irritant. Welcome to law school!

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Law School TIPS/FYI

So You Want a Tight CAN?

Shayne Saskiw (2L)

You know, only law students are going to know that this article might not be about stair lifts and lunges.

For all the newcomers, CAN stands for "Condensed Annotated Notes". Ideally, it is a succinct breakdown of the legal principles within a particular course, compiled into a convenient study guide. Really, the plan is to summarise the cases in your casebook and textbook, along with your class notes and anything else the professor assigns, into one comprehensive document that overviews whatever class you happen to be CANning. So when you're doing your class readings beforehand, make notes. When the professor goes over the case in class, take notes. If the textbook has anything to add, make notes. Then meld them all together, trim it down as best you can, and voila: you have a CAN.

The process of creating a CAN is far more important than the end product: the CAN itself. For instance, while most of the tests you'll write this year are open book exams, you will not have enough time to actually read or search through your CAN during a test. Certainly, there will be no time to "learn" from your CAN during an exam as you should know everything in it by heart. It really should simply provide "triggers" for your brain to retrieve the wealth of stored information you diligently accumulated during the entirety of the school year.

The LSA provides a series of good CANs for all the first year classes. While they've all been assembled by top students from previous years, they aren't vetted for accuracy, can contain errors, and might not necessarily reflect the professor's viewpoint. The law and a professor's focus will change each year and that evolution might not be reflected in an older CAN. Furthermore, you need to go through the learning process on your own, even if it hurts your brain. A pre-made CAN, even if entirely accurate, can never substitute the process of studying, taking notes, and compiling your own study guide. A great use for a commercial CAN, however, is as a mirror for your own work. You can verify what you've come up with and add anything you might have missed.

Here are some preliminary tips for creating your very own tight CAN:

¨Start comprehensively and then hone in on the key legal principles as you develop your CAN. Knowing what to eliminate, or at least knowing what you don't need in your study guide, is half the battle.

¨Organization is the key. Group cases that stand for a particular proposition if that works for you, or list out the principles each case represents. At any rate, make sure that you're using a system that is convenient, makes sense to you, and reduces confusion.

¨Only keep material facts in your case briefs (you'll learn to differentiate before long; don't worry!). Quite often it's the law that's going to be important, not the minutiae of the factual scenario.

¨If you have time and are keen, hand-write your CANs a couple weeks before your exam. Not only will this naturally condense your CAN, but it will help you utilise another one of your senses, thereby increasing your retention.

¨Don't CAN just for the sake of CANning. Thinking about what you've learnt is much more important. If the process becomes a matter of mindless transcribing, try something else or try studying in a group. Just keep your mind moving!

¨Avoid listening to rumours. There is no secret CAN that is passed along from year to year that will solve all your problems and allow you to ace your exams. While there might be a CAN out there that covers everything on the exam, you still have to know everything in it, and there isn't a better way to do that than by writing the perfect CAN yourself.

¨Each and every CAN will invariably differ for each course so adopt whatever format helps with a given professor, textbook, or casebook.

¨Start now! And don't stop until the end of classes. The more work you let pile up now, the less likely you're going to want to tackle it later when exams set in and your life becomes redefined as pure pain.

I hope this helps. Keep in mind, though, that it's all just taken from the personal experiences of one student: there's no *right way* to get through law school, just a lot of different wrong ways. Pick the way that works for you!

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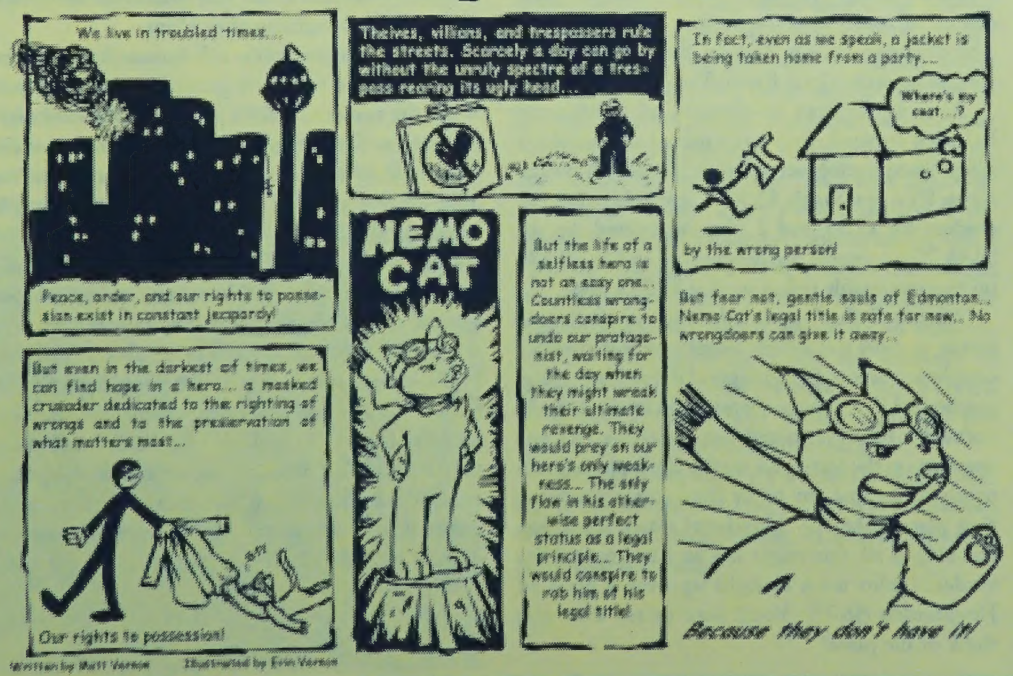
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Peace, order, and our rights to possession exist in constant jeopardy!
But even in the darkest of times, we can find hope in a hero... a masked crusader dedicated to the righting of wrongs and to the preservation of what matters most...
Our rights to possession!
Thieves, villians, and trespassers rule the streets. Scarcely a day can go by without the unruly spectre of a trespass rearing its ugly head...
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by the wrong person!
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Because they don't have it!

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Restaurant REVIEW

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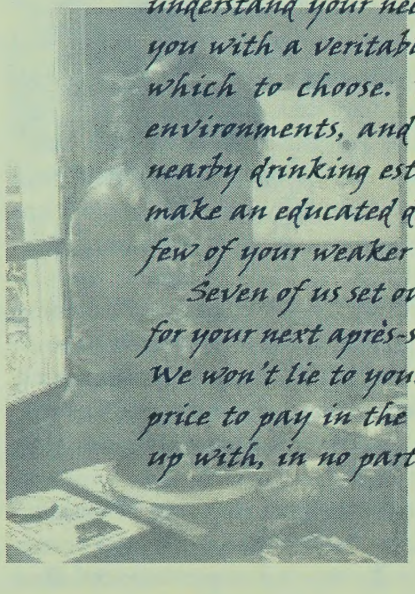

So you're looking for a little somewhere special, that one little bar to call your very own? Well, we respect that: in fact, we understand your needs so well we took it upon ourselves to present you with a veritable cornucopia of potential watering holes from which to choose. We set out to explore the menus, prices, environments, and (ugh) washrooms available at some of the nearby drinking establishments so you'll have what you need to make an educated decision the next time you want to knock off a few of your weaker brain cells with a night on the town.

Seven of us set out to make it that much easier for you to plan for your next après-study pint or après-exam bottle of Jagermeister. We won't lie to you: there were casualties. But they were a small price to pay in the name of pub-crawling. Here's what we came up with, in no particular order:

Avenue Pizza

Newton Place, 8315 – 112 Street
Ph. 432 0536

We decided that Avenue Pizza should best be described as a sports bar: it's bedecked with various sporting paraphernalia, has a vast array of well-positioned televisions, and boasts a decent sound system the staff keeps at a comfortable level. The menu is huge, with an impressive array of appetizers, sandwiches, pizzas, panzerottis, and other more serious entrees. There's a pool table that's free on Saturdays, a pair of dartboards, and a well-stocked juke-box.

The prices aren't bad, but it's not the cheapest bar in the neighborhood: a pitcher of Blue or Kokanee runs $11.75, while Traditional or Grasshopper costs you $13.86. Menu prices, however, offer a solid value with entrees priced from $7 to $10, with pizzas topping out at about $23 for an extra large three-topping pie that is seriously the best around. You should give the salami, sun-dried tomato, and feta a try at least once.

There's a decent list of specials as well, if you're planning your night out by the day of the week: Mondays from 4pm – 9pm feature a sizeable burger and fries for $6.95, Tuesdays a $7.95 steak sandwich during the same window, and Wednesdays a $6.95 10' two-topping pizza. Thursdays is all about karaoke from 9 to 1:30am, with happy-hour priced pitchers all night.

Remedy

8631 – 109 street.
Ph. 433 3096

Remedy is a fairly small coffee-shop type of place, which has a fairly diverse menu, and a number of various beers on tap. The downstairs has six or seven tables, two of which are fairly large and surrounded by big, comfy couches that are good for larger groups. The upstairs has another five or six places to sit, along with a foosball table to pass the time. It is a little smokier than the other places you'll find on this list, but it does have a good bohemian lounge type feel about it. There are a few clusters of comfy chairs on the main floor, with quite a bit of lounge-type seating on the second floor as well, along with a lone foosball table.

Remedy features a selection of homemade Pakistani cooking, with a *very* nice chana masala (a spicy chickpea dish served with pita bread) on the menu for a reasonable $5.50. There's also tandoori chicken for $7.50, and a Mexican layered dip for $6.95. The samosas are decent too, and could add up to a reasonably prices meal at $1.25 a pop.

We noted that apparently dogs are welcome inside, as there was a fairly happy one seated with a couple just across from us: good if you have a dog, maybe bad if you have allergies. All in all, Remedy seemed a bit of a mixed bag: there weren't any smokers on the test-team, so the atmosphere was a touch hazier that any of us liked, but considering that places like the Sugarbowl don't allow any smoking at all, this might not be a bad option for students who want to light up over a glass of Hoegaarden ($6.75). You'll have to see what you think of the place!

Scholar's Bar and Grill

We were actually reluctant to review Scholar's, since a
been there, will inevitably be there in the near future, o
Scholar's. Needless to say, you don't need the address: just
leaving the law building after 11am.

Scholar's, in case you're still curious, actually has two lev
one below. The former is generally somewhat quieter, ha
and is the venue of choice for name that tune night, the o
managed to forget. But with Scholar's drink specials, that's
we're unlikely to remember after a night there: from 4pm
hour every day of the week, with $9 pitchers of Molson
2am, and $9.75 pitchers of Big Rock. Tuesdays has 25 c
kitchen closes at 12, with 75 cent draft from 9pm until
from 7pm until 9pm, on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays
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or endorse the consumption of alcohol. Please enjoy resp

The menu isn't bad, with entrees running from $7 to
appetizers. The food isn't bad, either, and there's a handf
might not expect to find in a bar, like steamed mussels or
the best *pub* feel around, too, especially downstairs: the
comfortable. You'll also find foosball tables, pool tables
games downstairs, so you can monitor your inebriation b
of your motor skills: it's like the pool balls *get smaller.*

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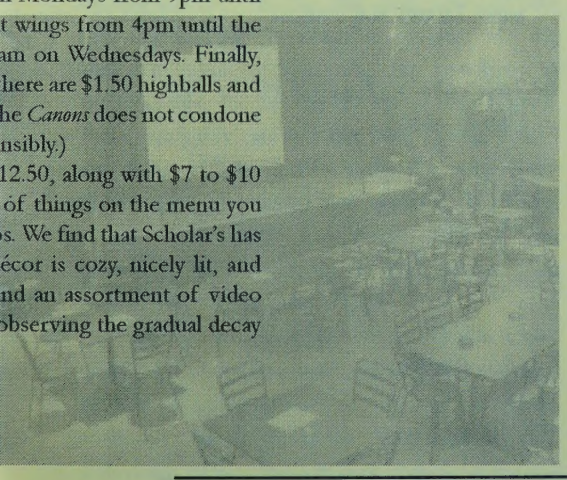

The Sugarbowl

10977 87th Avenue

Hrs: 7-12 Weekdays, 8-1am Weekends

Located just a stone's throw away from the law school, this is a favourite hang-out for all who want to enjoy an intimate, laid-back, put-your-feet-up-and-kick-back kind of place. The Sugarbowl has it all: great food, great drinks, a delicious array of local artwork, and artists from the local music scene.

The Sugarbowl offers a culturally stimulating menu of food and beverage items that are all quite reasonably priced. For example, an entrée item such as the bison chili or warm goat cheese/salsa/grilled pita will run you $8, while something more elaborate like the chipotle spiced salmon fillet on jasmine rice costs $13. For dessert, we recommend the chocolate espresso Crème Brule for a very reasonable $5.

As for drinks, the Sugarbowl boasts quite the selection of coffees, tea, and beer. If you're looking for domestic and foreign beers, a pint of Stella costs $5.50 while Trad, Grasshopper and Sleeman will run you $4.75. A pint of Hoegaarden is $7.25 and Guiness is $6.50. We particularly enjoyed the Leffe Blonde which ran $5.50 for a pint. This last one's worth a try! Unfortunately, you can't order by the pitcher here (it's not really the place for pitchers). You can also order highballs here too – they're $4.75 for a single.

Now let's talk décor. The Sugarbowl is seriously a great place to take a date. Lined with contemporary works from local Edmonton artists, this place is always showcasing homegrown talent, so if you find yourself bored with your date, you could always make conversation over the latest nude painting on the wall... or the ceiling. The Sugarbowl goes one step further and promotes local musicians in their restaurant from time to time. They have DJs come in regularly to spin every second Sunday of the month and also on Friday and Saturday nights. When there isn't live music, the Sugarbowl showcases an eclectic array of artists – anything from jazz to house to funk and soul. Simply stated, it's an aesthetic paradise for people to escape the confines of university buildings and concrete. There's even a small patio at the front of the restaurant that you can lounge out on if that's your thing.

One last thing: there's a wireless connection in this restaurant which is a huge plus for any ambitious law students looking to work on their laptops over lunch or a few drinks.

The Powerplant

Right on campus!

We made our way over the first of two SU-run bars on campus, the Powerplant. It certainly has some history on it's side; at one point it actually supplied power to the entire southern part of Edmonton before it was decided that the place could be better put to use as a bar. Good decision.

This place is very big, with a sizable main floor and a smaller upstairs to go along with Dewey's, a smaller side-room that's smoke-free. The main floor has a stage, which is sometimes used to put on shows and occasionally as a dance floor. The Powerplant is not a great sports bar, as there is only one huge screen on the main floor and another one in Dewey's, and if you can't see them then you won't be able to watch the game. There's a patio with six or seven large picnic tables that's open when it's nice enough outside, which is to say the first couple weeks of September. Just off the main floor there is a games room, which offers 3 pool tables, pinball, foosball, and a number of video games.

The music is mainly alternative rock, and is generally good for background music, but will likely not leave you singing along or dancing on the table to your favorite song. (Unless your favorite songs happen to be alternative rock, in which case, go nuts!) Thursdays are a good night to swing by, as the Powerplant puts on Lister Hall nights, which typically pack the place. The food is generally fairly cheap with entrees running from $3.25 for a grilled cheese to $7.25 for a loaded chicken burger, and the portions are a decent size. The bar is open at 7am and serves breakfast until 11, and it stays open until midnight on weekdays and 3am on weekends, but the kitchen closes at midnight.

The place has a serious list of specials, all arranged by the day of the week: on Monday the Powerplant offers Guinness for $4, and Pizza for $5.50, while on Tuesday the special is $3.75 for a pint of Big Rock and $4.50 for a veggie burger. Wednesdays feature Sleeman bottles for $3.50, JB highballs for $2.75 and wings for a quarter. On Thursdays, a pint of Canadian is $3.50, a Mike's hard limeade for $3.75, and a Chicken burger for $5.25, while the Friday specials are Pilsner pints for $3.50, long island iced tea for $3.00, and an order of fish and chips for $4.75. Saturday is the last day of the week for the Powerplant, as it is closed on Sundays (just like the RATT), and to celebrate the impending day off, the Powerplant has Molson Dry Bottles for $3.00, Mikes Cranberry and Lemon for $3.75, Corona for $3.50 and a Burger with fries for $4.25. It is important to note that all of these specials are only available during Power Hour, from 4-9 each day. (That's actually *five* hours of power, if you stop to count.)

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Cam Bowman (2L)

Hello all, and welcome to a brand new year here at the good old U of A Law School. For some of you, welcome to the school, and for the others, well, I guess your transfer application was denied as well! Oh well, better luck next year.

When I was first asked to write a sports column for the Canon this year, I panicked. Surely this was a mistake! How could it be that this was being asked of me, I wondered? Frankly, I had no idea how I would do it, and, as you can tell by my rambling tone, I really still don't. It was not the sports part that concerned me - you see, I love sports. They are the most effective procrastinating tool that I have ever come across in all my years. Rather, the problem was the writing part. For me, writing 500 or more words seems to be an insurmountable task; don't be surprised if you find this space being replaced by a crossword, a word search, or, more likely, a colouring section by November. Anyway, after I was confronted by this task, I decided I had two options:

Option #1 – Drop out of law school. After doing some math, I concluded that this option was not feasible. You see, it would take me approximately forever to pay off my student loan working the fry machine at McDonalds. However, if I stay in law school, I can probably pay off my loan by the time I am dead, still at McD's, only this time from the confines of middle management. For those of you who think that I am kidding, you obviously have not seen the size of my loan, or, for that matter, my marks.

Option #2 - Find a way to fill this space without revealing my lack of talent (too late, I know). The obvious conclusion was to let someone else do the work. With this in mind, I decided that it would not only be the easy way out for me, but it might conceivably be useful for you as well if I were to use this space to provide some information on what sporting activities are readily available to you during the school year. First, there are many intramural sports which are available through the university, and the best part about these is that they are free to everyone who purchases the 'new benefits package' this year from the LSA. Some of the sports that are included are:

Cornucopia of Sports Activities

Men's / Women's Hockey

- This is a sub group within the law school, but it is paid for if you purchase the benefits package. For info on how to join the law hockey team, contact Greg Pratch at gpratch@ualberta.ca for the men and Lisa Trach at ltrach@ualberta.ca for the women.

There are many other intramural sports that you can play if you organize a team, such as soccer, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, softball, and basketball, to name a few. Check the big bulletin board by the Gavel for a list of what events are starting up or going on!

Squash

- Our very own Professor Sprysak is an avid squash enthusiast, and I consequently have it on good authority that there will quite likely be a few classes available for those new to the game (learning how to wear the goggles correctly, for starters), as well as a Faculty of Law squash ladder, allowing law students to challenge one another. Depending on interest and availability, there may even be a tournament sometime in March. Keep your heads up for that one!

Rugby

- The best-known sports team in the law school is the 'Golden Barristers', the men's rugby team. This sport is highly recommended for anyone who doesn't mind having their ears ripped clean off of their head! This is not run as an intramural sport, and thus the fees are not covered by the LSA package. It typically costs about $45 per year, as well as about $100 for the uniform, which should last you (hopefully) all three years. In addition, the team usually takes one trip per year. Last year they went to Las Vegas and this year's trip has been tentatively scheduled for Hinton. (Kidding, relax!). Contact Mark Hawkins at mhawkins@ualberta.ca for more information.

The law school has recently added a new team, called the 'Panda Barristers', and it is the women's rugby team. They practise twice a week, and play their only game on the Alumni weekend (Sept 30 – Oct 3). The cost to join the Panda Barristers is $10 and requires no previous rugby experience. They hold a pub-crawl in October, and this year they will have a 'Ladies Night' for the players on the team. Contact Lisa Monteith at monteith@ualberta.ca for more information.

There are also two more sports-related items of which to take note. First of all, be sure to show up for the annual softball tournament known as 'Law's a Beach'. Try to join a team in advance if you can, but show up anyway and have a blast even if playing softball isn't your thing. It really is a great time and should not be missed by anyone. Watch for info on this event from the LSA! There will also be a hockey pool open to all law students coming up so watch for the posters going up soon.

So with that, I hope everyone has a great year. Don't be afraid to sign up for the sports side of law school! It is definitely worth getting involved in. Hey, this writing thing isn't so hard. I'm done! So I guess it's time to go to work on that word search for the next edition of 'Canons'...?

September Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 SIPS Training 7-9pm Phys Ed E-120	2 SIPS Training 7-9pm Phys Ed E-120	3 SIPS Training 7-9pm Phys Ed E-120	4
5	6 Pre-Orientation Party	7 LSA Membership sales Sept 7-10	8	9	10 First Friday Back 7pm-1am	11
12	13	14 *Clubs Fair* Alberta Law Review Application deadline *SLS Wine & Cheese*	15 SIPS Training 7-9pm Phys Ed E-120	16 Canons Newspaper Meeting	17 El Hacko Golf Tournament & FABS Brimacombe Application Deadline	18
19	20	21 **Last day to ADD/DROP courses**	22 SIPS Training 7-9pm Phys Ed E-120	23 Brimacombe Competition	24 Brimacombe Competition	25 *Laws a Beach Event & Social*
26	27	28	29	30 **Last day to pay Fall term fees**		

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